

O.D. PORTER BUILDING (Commercial Building)
227 East Main Street
Bowling Green
Warren County
Kentucky

HABS NO. KY-182

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STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Warren	TOWN OR VICINITY Bowling Green
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) O.D. Porter Building (Cornice)		HABS NO. KY-182
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE None		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 227 East Main Street Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1906 (Cornice)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Constructed in 1906, this early 20th century commercial structure is one of the few unaltered storefronts in the downtown business area. Built for Dr. Otho D. Porter, a black physician, the building is one of the few historic structures associated with black businesses in Bowling Green.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early 20th Century Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick load-bearing walls with wood floors. Brick and cast iron storefront with pressed metal cornice and hoodmoldings.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, two story, 26'x95' - Floor plan not possible due to unsafe condition of structure.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Cast iron storefront with decorative motifs, pressed metal cornice and hoodmoldings, common bond brick, brick pilasters and corbeling, 2/2 windows with arched brick lintels.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unsafe to enter - 1st floor: single rectangular room with wood floor, plaster walls and ceiling. 2nd floor: stair and hall along east wall, wood floor, plaster walls and ceiling. Divided into several rooms. Some beaded board - probably later partitions.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No apparent alterations or additions.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant; major structural damage to bearing walls; mortar deteriorated; extremely deteriorated from vandalism, water and weather; floors sag; unsafe to enter.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Kentucky Museum, Western Kentucky University. Main Street: <u>Mirror of Change</u> . Scottsville, KY. Gerald Printing Service, 1980. Sumpter, Irene. <u>Our Heritage: An Album of Early Bowling Green, Kentucky Landmarks</u> .		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Clarksville, TN.: Josten's Publications, 1978. Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University. Photograph Collection, Newspapers and Vertical Files. Downtown Commercial Historic District listed on National Register - 26 Nov. 1980 Porter Building listed on Kentucky Survey - 1978.		
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